

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims under 35 USC § 102(e). In addition, the Examiner allowed claims 3-9, 12, 13, 15 and 19-22 contain allowable subject matter.

Although Applicant disagrees with the rejection of claim 10 under 35 USC § 102(e), to expedite prosecution, claim 10 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 3-9, 12, 13, 15 and 19-22 remain pending in the application.

Reconsideration of the application and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

If there are any issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee for such extension or any further fee required in connection with the filing of this Amendment is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0388 (Order No. AUD1P005).

Respectfully submitted,

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